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The Honorable Chairman and Members
of the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building, 1st Floor
465 South King Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

Subject: Docket No. 2009-0108 – Proposed Amendments to the IRP Framework
Request for Time Extension to File Opening Briefs

Through the Commission's *Order Approving The Stipulated Procedural Order, As Modified* filed on September 23, 2009 in this proceeding, as further modified by *Order Amending Schedule* filed on November 9, 2009, the Commission established a deadline of three weeks after the filing of transcripts, March 30, 2010, for the filing of Opening Briefs.¹

Subsequent to the filing of transcripts, the Commission issued a letter dated March 11, 2010, that provided the Commission's inclinations on what the final framework should include. This letter also directed the Parties² "...to make every effort to achieve consensus among the parties and to file one framework document that represents the parties' agreements."

¹ The transcripts of the Panel Hearing for the subject docket were filed on March 9, 2010. Three weeks from the date of filing of the transcripts is March 30, 2010.

² The Parties to this proceeding include: Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc., Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc., Maui Electric Company, Limited (collectively the "Hawaiian Electric Companies"); the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy; Kauai Island Utility Cooperative; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; the County of Hawaii; the County of Maui; the County of Kauai; Life of the Land; Haiku Design and Analysis; Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and J.W. Marriott Ihilani Resort and Spa, Maui Ocean Club, Wailea Marriott, and Essex House Condominium Corporation on behalf of Kauai Marriott Resort and Beach Club (collectively "Marriotts"). Forest City Hawaii Residential, Inc. and the Public Benefits Fee Administrator (Science Applications International Corporation/R.W. Beck ("SAIC")) were named as Participants in the proceeding.

Several of the Parties commented through e-mails or phone conversations with respect to seeking an extension of time to conduct settlement discussion meetings in order to attempt to reach full or partial consensus on a draft framework, which would thereby serve to limit the number of issues that would need to be addressed by the Parties in their respective briefs. Accordingly, the Hawaiian Electric Companies,³ on behalf of the Parties to this proceeding, respectfully request an extension of time of approximately 45 days, until May 17, 2010, for the filing of Opening Briefs, with Reply Briefs due two weeks thereafter, on May 28, 2010.⁴ The Parties to this proceeding have no objection to this request.

The extended timeframe would allow the Parties to meet in order to work on developing a consensus framework document that represents the agreements reached by the Parties. The Parties are currently coordinating scheduling of the meetings and targeting the week of April 5-9, 2010, for the initial meetings, with subsequent meetings to be scheduled as needed.

Very truly yours,



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³ The Hawaiian Electric Companies have been asked by the Parties to make the request for time extension due to the Parties' commitments and time constraints in other proceedings before the Commission.

⁴ The initial discussion among the Parties on the time extension contemplated a 30-day extension. However, to accommodate the schedules of the Parties, an approximately 45-day extension to file Opening Briefs is requested.

